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ARMY SECRETS CLOSELY VEILED

Sec. Baker Does Not Say Much in His Annual Report, Which Will Be of Avail to the Enemy.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Secretary Baker's annual report for the war department made public to-day constitutes only a brief historical review of the year, and so that it may be devoid of information for the enemy shows no recommendations, no detailed information of the transportation of the army to France or any army plans for the future.

Secretary Baker does say, however, that he does not favor universal military training as a regular national duty.

"The department has not sought and does not now seek legislation on the subject," he says, "chiefly for the reason that the formation of a permanent military policy will inevitably be affected by the arrangement consequent upon the termination of the present war. Civilized men must hope that the future has in store a relief from the burden of armament and the destruction and waste of war."

"However vain that hope may appear in the midst of the most devastating and destructive war in the history of the race, it persists—perhaps because we are encouraged by the analogous substitution of courts for force in the settlement of private controversies; perhaps because all the perfections of nature teach us that they are the product of processes which have eliminated waste and substituted constructive for destructive principles."

"When a permanent military policy, therefore, comes to be adopted, it will doubtless be conceived in a spirit which will be adequate to preserve against any possible attack those vital principles of liberty upon which democratic institutions are based, and yet be so restrained as in no event to foster the growth of mere militarist ambitions or to excite the apprehension of nations with whom it is our first desire to live in harmonious and just accord."

As to the expeditionary force in France, Secretary Baker says it would be unwise to disclose details and therefore contents himself with telling of the sending of General Pershing, followed

by a full division of regular troops and a contingent of marines as the first units. He describes also the organization of the Rainbow National Guard (the Forty-second), adding:

"The purpose of this organization was to distribute the honor of early participation in the war over a wide area and thus to satisfy in some part the eagerness of these state forces to be permitted to serve in Europe."

High tribute is paid the "splendid cooperation of the navy, by means of which these expeditionary forces have been safely transported and have been enabled to traverse without loss the so-called danger zone infested by the stealthy and destructive submarine navy of the enemy."

It became necessary, Mr. Baker says, to build an elaborate transport system for the expeditionary forces with great terminal facilities both in this country and France and to gather a large surplus of supplies on the other side as a safeguard.

"This placed an added burden upon the supply divisions of the department," he says, "and explains in part some of the shortages, notably those of clothing, which have temporarily embarrassed mobilization of troops at home, embarrassments now happily passed."

The arrangements made have resulted, Mr. Baker continues, "in the transporting of an army to France fully equipped, with adequate reserves of equipment and subsistence, and with these large quantities of transportation appliances, motor vehicles, railroad construction supplies and animals, all of which are necessary for the maintenance of effective operations of the force."

Secretary Baker opens his report with a review of the situation in Mexico which led up to the withdrawal of General Pershing's column, and pays a high tribute to the self restraint and consideration of the American officers and soldiers both on the border and in Mexico.

Taking up the war with Germany, Sec. Baker describes a fine spirit of service shown by the American people "without distinction of age, sex or occupation."

"Those who believed," he adds, "that the obvious and daily exhibition of power which takes in an autocracy is necessary for national strength, discovered that a finer, and freer, and greater national strength subsists in a free people, and that the silent processes of democracy, with their normal accent on the freedom of individuals, nevertheless afforded springs of collective action and inspiration for self-sacrificing as wide and effective as they are spontaneous."

Mr. Baker then turns to the method by which the army was placed on a war footing. He shows that under its full authorized strength the regular army includes 18,000 officers and 470,000 men and that the war strength contemplated by the national defense act for the National Guard was 13,000 officers and 436,000 men. With the million additional troops of the selected draft army added, these figures furnish the army of 2,000,000 men upon which all original war estimates were based.

The report then touches briefly upon the officers' training camps, the construction of cantonments, with the problems encountered and solved through the co-operation of the civilian agencies created by the council of national defense, and goes into some detail with various phases of the cantonment question to show the enormous size of the task. The building of National Guard division camps is similarly cited and Mr. Baker discusses at some length the work of the training camps activities commission organized to create wholesome surroundings for the troops.

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"American Bolsheviki" Arraigned on Charge of Anti-Government Plot

JUDGE LANDIS ACCEPTS PLEAS

Spectators and Attorneys Searched for Weapons on Entering Court Room

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Attorney George F. Vanderveer of New York, appearing for a majority of the 106 leaders of the Industrial Workers of the World who were arraigned before Federal Judge Landis Saturday, was searched upon his entrance into the courtroom and a revolver taken from his hip pocket.

He was taken into custody immediately and was not released until he was identified by local attorneys and had given a satisfactory explanation for the possession of the revolver.

All the defendants pleaded not guilty to the indictment charging them with violations of the criminal code and the espionage act.

There were more than 100 secret service men and local police stationed in and about the courtroom and no one but the defendants, their counsel and newspaper men were permitted in the court.

Because of the number of defendants and the seriousness of the charges, precautions were taken to prevent any attempt at a demonstration. Everyone entering the courtroom was searched.

The majority of the defendants, including Miss Elizabeth Curley Flynn of New York, the only woman defendant, were in the court ready to plead their answer of not guilty when the personal bailiff of Judge Landis stopped Vanderveer. When the announcement was made that a revolver was taken from his pocket, the police closed in on their man, prepared for any emergency.

The attorney was placed between guards and questioned. He was identified by local attorneys. He said he just arrived in Chicago from New York and that it was his custom to carry a pistol whenever traveling. His train was late, he said, and not wishing to delay the court, he checked his bag at the station and went to court, not stopping to go to a hotel to change clothes and remove the weapon.

After all of the defendants had pleaded to the indictment, the court set the trial for Jan. 3.

NORWAY LOSES 5,000 SAILORS DURING WAR

Great Majority of These Due to German Submarine Warfare—Two More Ships Sunk.

London, Dec. 17.—It is stated officially that Norway has lost 5,000 sailors during the war, a Central News dispatch from Christiania reports. Most of these perished as the result of attacks by German submarines. The sinking of two more steamships is told in the dispatch.



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BITTER CANADIAN CAMPAIGN ENDS

Electors Go to the Polls To-day to Vote on the Draft Issue.

Montreal, Dec. 17.—All Canada campaigned vigorously last night in the closing hours of the bitterest political fight in the dominion's history.

To-day the voters, including many newly enfranchised women, go to the polls and cast their ballots either for the Unionist government and conscription, or for the Liberal party, which favors continuing the voluntary enlistment system.

The issue may be decided in the trenches. The vote of the Canadian soldiers will total 250,000. Women who exercise their franchise to-day are all relatives of men in the army and navy. Unionists predict the women's votes will give a big majority to conscription.

Sir Robert Borden heads the Unionist government. It put through conscription and the first call to the colors under this law is Jan. 3. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, former premier, leads the Liberals. If he wins he promises to hold up enforcement of the conscription act.

Unionists declare the Liberals will draw their greatest strength from the French-Canadians, who are not supporting the war.

A total of 205 seats in Parliament are to be contested. Some have already been awarded. Should the Unionist government carry 124 seats it expects to win the election with a majority of 41. The Liberals expect a majority of 36 in the next House.

WESTERVILLE. Mrs. Bellows will sing at the Episcopal church, Westerville, to-morrow night—adv.

FIGURING OUT INCOME TAX. Government Is Going to Send Men to Help the People.

Portsmouth, N. H., Dec. 17.—You won't have to figure out your own income tax all by yourself hereafter. The government is going to send out men to help you. It will be up to you to hunt up these men, who will be sent into every country seat town, and some other towns besides, to meet the people. Postmasters, bankers and newspapers will be able to tell you when the government's income tax man will be around, and where to find him. He will answer your questions, swear you to the return, take your money, and remove the wrinkles from your brow. Returns of income for 1917 must be made between Jan. 1 and March 1, 1918.

"The government recognizes," Collector of Internal Revenue Seth W. Jones said to-day, "that many persons experience a good deal of difficulty in filling out income tax blanks. It recognizes, too, that taxpayers resident at points where collector's offices are not easily accessible find it hard to get proper instruction in the law. Next year, when every married person living with wife or husband and having a net income of \$2,000, and every person unmarried not the head of a family and having a net income of \$1,000 for the year 1917 must make return of income on the form prescribed, there will be hundreds in every

community seeking light on the law, and help in executing their returns. My own and every other collection district in the nation will be divided into districts, with the county as the unit, and a government officer informed in the income tax assigned to each district. He will spend hardly less than a week in each county, and in some counties a longer time, very likely in the courthouse at the county seat town. In cities where there are collector's branch offices, he will be there, and in other cities possibly at the city hall. My office will in due time advise postmasters and bankers and send out notices to the newspapers stating when the officer will be in each county. It will be unnecessary for prospective taxpayers to ask my office for forms on which to make returns. The officer who visits their county will have them.

"It may be stated as a matter of general information that net income is the remainder after subtracting expenses from gross income. Personal, family, or living expense is not expense in the meaning of the law, the exemption being allowed to cover such expenses.

"The new exemptions of \$1,000 and \$2,000 will add tens of thousands to the number of income taxpayers in this district, inasmuch as practically every farmer, merchant, tradesman, professional man and salary worker and a great many wage workers will be required to make return and pay tax.

The law makes it the duty of the taxpayer to seek out the collector. Many people assume that if an income tax form is not sent, or a government officer does not call, they are relieved from making report. This is decidedly in error. It is the other way round. The taxpayer has to go to the government and if he doesn't within the time prescribed, he is a violator of the law, and the government will go to him with its penalties."

Seth W. Jones, collector of internal revenue, Portsmouth, N. H., is collector

of the district of New Hampshire, which comprises the states of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont.

During Hunting Season.

"Heard the news about Dickenson getting shot?" he roared, red with excitement.

Club members dropped their papers and sprang suddenly to life.

"No," they cried. "When?"

"About half an hour ago," gasped the smart man. "I was there and saw it."

"Where did he get shot?" gasped another.

"Down at the hardware store," chuckled the smart man, slipping into the best chair. "He bought two pounds of it."—Irish World.

Democracy.

War Secretary Baker said at a luncheon:

"Ours will be the most democratic army in the world for ours is the most democratic country."

"A millionaire as he climbed into his limousine snarled at a newsboy:

"No, I don't want any paper. Get out!"

"Well, keep your shirt on boys," the newsboy answered. "The only difference between you and me is that you're making your second million, while I am still working on my first."—The Pawtucket Times.

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